

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Speaker Cannon and Champ Clark Are Given Ovations

Washington, Dec. 5.—Both houses of congress convened today for the third and last session of the Sixty-first congress. The galleries were crowded and there was a good attendance of senators and representatives. In the senate a number of new faces were to be seen. Senator Tillman, who has been absent from his seat for some time, was in his place. He showed the effects of his long illness and entered the chamber supporting himself by a stout cane. Senator Scott, just recovering from an illness that confined him to his bed for several days, also was in his place.

Speaker Cannon received a remarkable ovation when he took up the gavel to announce the opening of the session in the house. The applause lasted several minutes, and the Democrats joined with the Republicans in acclaiming the veteran legislator.

Representative Champ Clark also was given a similar ovation when he entered immediately on the conclusion of the prayer, the Democrats hailing him as the speaker of the next house. Both houses adjourned almost immediately after the formal assembling, call of the roll and the adoption of the resolution on the passing of those members who have died since the last session.

This session of congress is of more than usual interest and importance because in three months it will expire by constitutional limitation, and control of the house of representatives will be surrendered to the Democratic party.

Important Measures.
Early work on appropriation bills has cleared the way for prompt consideration of those measures on the floors of the two houses.

The bills appropriating many millions of dollars for the Indian service, for the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government generally, and for the District of Columbia, whose expenses are borne jointly by the federal and municipal governments, are well advanced and one or more of them will be reported to the house this week.

The avowed intention is to hurry along these as fast as possible to avoid any hitch in providing for the expenditures of the government, and strenuous efforts have been made by President Taft and other administration leaders to keep the budget down to the lowest possible point.

There are vacant seats caused by deaths in both the senate and the house. Just at the last session adjourned on June 25 Vice President Sherman took occasion to congratulate the senate on its immunity from death.

"Death," he said in an impressive moment while he held his gavel to declare the body adjourned, "has not entered this chamber during the present session. Please God that when the senate assembles again next December we shall all be here."

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AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION OF WINE.

Consul-General John P. Bray writes from Sydney that, although still an important feature of its industrial life wine production in Australia is apparently not increasing. In the year 1903-04 the total production was 6,260,169 gallons. Since then it has fluctuated, having been as low as 4,450,033 gallons. In 1908-09 there was a recovery to 5,515,801 gallons. South Australia is the only state which has shown steady progress.

ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND

Government Coalition and Unionists Are on an Equality

London, Dec. 5.—A rush of Nationalist members returned unopposed this afternoon again placed the coalition group, or "people's party," as some Liberal papers prefer to call it, on a numerical equality with the Unionists. The opposing camps have now 81 seats each in the new parliament. At 3:30 o'clock the state of the parties was as follows:

Government coalition: Liberals, 58; Irish Nationalists, 15; Labor members, 8; total, 81.

Opposition: Unionists, 81.

The stock exchange, which had anticipated big Unionist gains, was affected adversely by the result of Saturday's polling. Prices of stocks were depressed throughout the day.

M'KINLAY TO BE TAKEN CARE OF

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 5.—The Sacramento Union this morning says: Duncan McKinlay, congressman from this district, will become assistant postmaster general of the United States next spring when his term as representative expires. The place was offered to him by the President before he returned to California last month, and Mr. McKinlay said last night that he would accept.

McKinlay will have charge of the department including the registry division, magazines, etc.

RECALL TO BE URGED IN COLORADO LEGISLATURE

Denver, Colo., Dec. 5.—The adoption of the recall by the Eighteenth general assembly, which will convene in January, will command the efforts of Governor John Shafroth at the opening of his second term, according to a statement made by himself last night upon his return from the governors' conference at Louisville, Ky.

"I believe that some one will introduce a bill to give the recall to the people and complete the good work started by the adoption of the initiative and referendum at the last election," Governor Shafroth declared. "If no one does so, however, I shall prepare a bill myself and see that it is introduced."

ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPING HIS OWN DAUGHTER

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 5.—After a chase lasting nearly a year and extending over the greater part of the country, Richard Martin was arrested Saturday night at his home near Thirty-second and Ivy streets, charged with having kidnaped his three year old daughter from the home of his former wife at Pryor Creek, Oklahoma.

Chief of Police Wilson, who made the arrest, took the child to his own home.

ABE ATTELL TO MEET M'FARLAND

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Packey McFarland, candidate for honors in the lightweight class, has accepted terms for a ten-round bout with Abe Attehl before the Fairmount Athletic club of New York on Dec. 19.

The terms call for McFarland to receive \$2,500, with a privilege of 35 per cent of the gross receipts, the weight to be 135 pounds at 6 o'clock.

MOST EXPENSIVE DINNER SET

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Perhaps the most expensive dinner service ever made in this country will be shipped from this city today to former United States Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, for use in his new home on Fifth avenue, New York.

This service, complete for a party of 24, contains 900 pieces, each specially designed to harmonize with the dining room, and, it is said, cost \$100,000.

MRS. EDDY'S SUCCESSOR

There Can Be None, Says Eugene Cox of Boston

Boston, Dec. 5.—The reticence of the Christian Science leaders and officials, as well as nearly all members of the denomination, to comment on the death of the leader, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, continued today, and no official statement followed those given out yesterday.

The fact that her last message or words, "God is my life," were written by her on a pad of paper Thursday was confirmed today, and also that her son, George W. Glover, had started east from Lead, S. D., and probably would arrive here Wednesday. Some sort of a funeral service will be held, and it was intimated today that it might take place Wednesday afternoon, probably at her late residence.

The church will continue to be managed by a board of directors, which at present consists of A. B. Stewart, Archibald B. McCallum, Stephen B. Chase, John V. Dittmer and Adam H. Dickey. These men were all chosen by Mrs. Eddy, but the by-laws of the church provide for the filling of any vacancies by the board itself.

There will be no successor to Mrs. Eddy.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science church, who died last Saturday night at her home in Chestnut Hill, Newton, will not be made until the arrival here late tomorrow night from South Dakota of her only son, George W. Glover. Mr. Glover, accompanied by his daughter Mary and son George Jr., started from Lead, S. D., last night. Mr. Glover cannot reach Boston before tomorrow night, making it impossible to arrange for the funeral before Wednesday.

In his statement of the death of Mrs. Eddy, Alfred Farlow of the Christian Science Publishing company said neither the time nor the place of the funeral had been decided on. He admitted that in deference to Mrs. Eddy's well known taste for simplicity, it was likely the services would be private, consisting probably of prayer and reading in the Bible, with selections from "Science and Health."

"Only her relatives, members of the household and the officials of the church are expected to attend the funeral," said Mr. Farlow.

Before leaving his home in South Dakota Mr. Glover said he believed his mother's burial would be at Tilton, N. H., where her husband, George W. Glover, is buried.

Ebenezer Foster Eddy of Waterbury, Vt., Mrs. Eddy's adopted son, is expected to be present at the funeral.

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